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- 1. On 17/18 June 1955, the barrier on the Schweinrich-Zechlin road was guarded by sentries; the road was blocked. Groups of 2 to 3 guns were emplaced in the northeast portion of the Wittstock training grounds. The guns pointed southward. At about 2000 on 19 June, heavy artillery firing toward the south started in the Lutterow area. It was learned that the units stationed at the training grounds had apparently transferred there from Neuruppin by road.
- 2. It was learned that cantonment buildings of Camp Schweinrich were dismantled and were shipped toward Wittstock and Rheinsberg.
- June, an exercise, which started from an assembly area near Lutterow and developed toward the south, was held in the eastern portion of the Wittstock training grounds. The exercise involved 42 T-34 and T-54 tanks and medium SP guns. About 4 companies of infantrymen wearing red-bordered/black epaulets went to the assembly area by truck. At about 0900, the exercise started with a firing with live ammunition of all weapons. Subsequently, the troops advanced southward. Three observation towers in Jagen (forest section) No 201 near Neu-Glienicke were occupied by Russian and KVP officers. According to Netzeband and Fretzdorf inhabitants, armored KVP units had been unloaded there on 14 June. Upon termination of the exercise, the units left toward Neuruppin, Rheinsberg and Rottstiel.

At 0900 on 16 June, 10 T-54 tanks arrived in Jagen No 92 of the Neu-Glienicke section and were stored there. Aiming silhouettes and dummy AT guns and tanks were placed in Jagen Nos 100 and 120. At 2200, the tanks started firing at these targets which were not lighted. It was a dark night. The firing terminated at about 0200 on 17 June. When the tanks left, it was observed that a box-like device of about 50 x 60 cm, about 15 cm high, was hanging on the back side of the tank turrets. The narrow front side of the device was fitted with a pale-blue glass pane.

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